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SUBJ: GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS TO VISIT SPAIN

REF: A. MADRID 2476

B. MADRID 2635

1. FRG EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR INFORMED EMBASSY
APR 24 THAT THREE SPD LEADERS (TWO BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES PLUS
SPD DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DINGLE) WILL COME TO
SPAIN IN MAY FOR PARTY TALKS WITH SPANISH SOCIALIST WORKERS
PARTY (PSOE). VISIT WAS DECIDED UPON IN BONN IN WAKE OF
VISIT BY PSOE SECGEN FELIPE GONZALEZ IN PAST FORTNIGHT.

2. ACCORDING TO FRG EMBASSY, WILLY BRANDT, WHO FIRST MET
GONZALEZ DURING HIS VISIT TO PORTUGAL IN MARCH, HAD BEEN
GREATLY IMPRESSED BY HIM AND SAW HIM AGAIN IN BONN IN MID-
APRIL. SPD SEES GONZALEZ AS DYNAMIC PERSONALITY
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WITH ORGANIZATIONAL ABILITY WHO COULD LEAD PSOE IN

SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO CHALLENGE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY
(PCE) INFLUENCE AMONG WORKERS.

3. BRANDT, WHO WAS PREPARED TO COME TO SPAIN HIMSELF,
WAS DISSUADED BY FEDERAL GOVT AND SPD PARTY LEADERS
BECAUSE HIS PRESENCE WOULD NEGATE LOW-KEY APPROACH FOR
VISIT SOUGHT BY ALL INTERESTED PARTIES. POL
COUNSELOR SAID THAT EMBASSY HAD INFORMED GOS ABOUT PLANNED
VISIT AND NO OBJECTION WAS RAISED. ALTHOUGH POL
COUNSELOR WAS ON HAND IN BONN TO WELCOME PSOE DELEGATION
DURING RECENT VISIT AND HELPED ARRANGE SPD VISIT TO SPAIN,
FRG EMBASSY INSELF WILL HAVE NO CONTACT WITH SPD LEADERS
HERE, WHO WILL RESTRICT THEMSELVES TO TALKS WITH PSOE
LEADERS.

4. POL COUNSELOR SAID FRG HAD OPTED TO SUPPORT PSOE AFTER
DISSILLUSIONMENT WITH POPULAR SOCIALIST PARTY (PSP) LED BY
TIERNO GALVAN AND RAUL MORODO, WHO ARE NOW MAIN
SOCIALIST SUPPORTERS OF COMMUNIST-SPONSORED JUNTA DEMOCRATICA.
DEFINITIVE BREAK WITH PSP FOLLOWER TIERNO'S PRESS
CONFERENCE CRITIZING FRG EMBASSY FOR NOT INCLUDING PSP
REPS AMONG OPPOSITIONISTS WHO TALKED WITH GENSCHER
DURING HIS VISIT HERE IN APRIL (MADRID 2287).

5. FRG EMBASSY, IN RESPONSE TO CRITICISMS OF HIGH
COMMISSIONER HAUSER'S (SPD) PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS
MARCH 10-14 WITH MEMBERS OF JUNTA DEMOCRATICA'S EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE, HAS ALERTED OTHER FRG MISSIONS IN EUROPE TO
BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE OF JUNTA. FRG POSITION PARALLELS
EMBASSY VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN REF B.

6. COMMENT: COUNSELOR'S COMMENTS INDICATE THAT FRG
SHARES EMBASSY'S CONCERN THAT GENUINE DEMOCRATIC FORCES
IN EUROPE NOT BE DUPED INTO GIVING JUNTA A PLATFORM
THROUGH SEEMINGLY INOFFENSIVE MEETINGS SUCH AS THAT IN
STRASBOURG.

7. FRG SUPPORT FOR PSOE IN FORM OF SPD VISIT, PRESUMABLY
TO BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER TANGIBLE SUPPORT, WILL GIVE
ADDED IMPETUS TO "YOUNG TURK" PSOE'S RECENT UPSURGE IN
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ACTIVITY (REF B), FRG SHIFT OF SUPPORT FROM PSP TO PSOE
WILL ALSO DIMINISH FORMER'S APPEAL TO OTHER EUROPEAN
SOCIALIST PARTIES, PARTICULARLY AS PSOE IS ALREADY ONLY
ACCREDITED SPANISH SOCIALIST PARTY IN SOCIALIST
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